

Torrance Man Admits Slaying

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SCHOOL BOARD SUBS A MEMBER

A Penny for your Thoughts

The Pennies Photographer thought it would be interesting to ask five people in Torrance the following question:

"Why did you choose the line of work you are now in?" Mrs. Opal Carnes, 182 W. 232nd Pl., Wilmington, waitress:

"Mainly because I like this type of work the best. I've tried a lot of different occupations but always wind up back as a waitress again. Basically I like people and in this business you meet all kinds."

George Mikel, 1529 Cravens, service station owner: "Actually, it would be hard to say I chose it. I guess I kind of fell into it. I have been working in service stations since I was about 15 and always wanted to have one of my own."

Joe Davis, 1521 Cravens, shoeshine stand operator: "I worked in the shipyard business during the war and when that was over I looked at Torrance a long time before I decided to locate here in April of 1951. But I want to say—I have liked every minute of it."

Shirley Robinson, Chamber of Commerce, office manager: "I came in to fill in for someone while they were on vacation—three and one-half years ago—and I've been here ever since. However, my staying here has been the result of office expansion."

Kenneth Scott, 23656 Park St., parcel deliveryman: "I was working for North American part-time and started for UPS part-time. When I was laid off at NAA I started full time for UPS. I like it all year around but not at Christmas."

Work on New Area Church Started

Construction was started this week on the first unit of a master plan for the Redondo-Torrance Church of Religious Science on their two-acre site located at Prospect and Knob Hill Aves. in Redondo Beach, according to Doyace L. Miller, building chairman.

Local Police Grab Suspect After Slaying

Accused shotgun slayer Phillip Fox will enter pleas to charges of murder and kidnaping Dec. 12, it was decided Tuesday by Municipal Judge Otto B. Willett.

Fox, who was pulled out of his bed at 1830 Torrance Blvd., early Monday by Torrance detective Myles Hamilton, is accused of killing his uncle, Dewey Fox, 37, of 21739 S. Western Ave., with a blast from a shotgun somewhere "east of Torrance" Sunday night, and then driving around with the body, finally leaving it in the car in Manhattan Beach.

Bandits In \$8000 Cafe Haul

A bandit tall enough to be a pro-basketball player donned a Halloween mask, herded three employees into a walk-in refrigerator, and fled with \$1600 at the Plush Horse on Pacific Coast Hwy. early yesterday, Redondo Beach police report.

The bandit called later to tell a telephone operator that the victims were locked in a closet. The bandit, described by his victims — three maintenance men — as about 6 ft. 4 in. tall and weighing 250 pounds, raided nine cash boxes stored in a cabinet after accosting the trio.

ONE OF the victims challenged the towering bandit, saying, "You haven't got the guts to shoot!"

The bandit fired a 45-caliber automatic, apparently to settle any doubts about it, the slug hitting a steel kitchen cabinet and ricocheting back near the assailant.

Just before leaving the popular cafe, the tall bandit tossed coats into the refrigerator to the victims huddled inside.

ABOUT half an hour after the holdup, the bandit called a local operator from a service station phone booth at 22802 S. Figueroa and said he had locked some people in a closet at the Plush Horse.

Torrance police were notified, and immediately informed Redondo Beach police of the call.

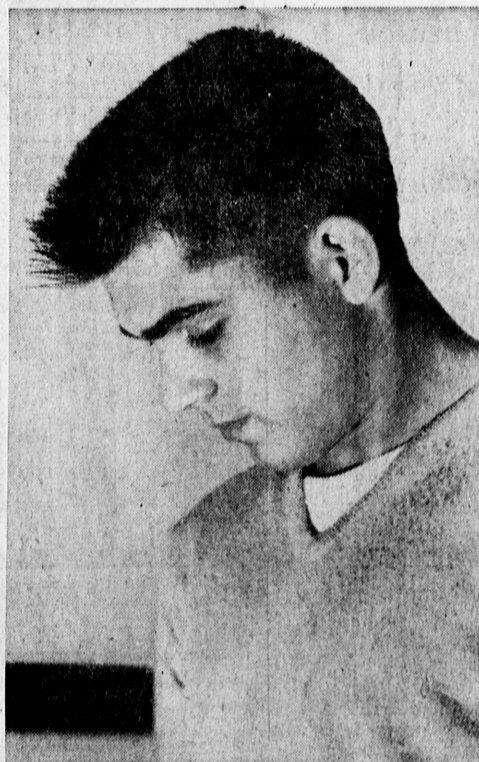
REDONDO POLICE searched through the building and its closets for several minutes before finding the victims in the refrigerator, they reported.

The holdup yesterday was the second in recent weeks. In another early morning raid, bandits tied up workers in the cafe and fled with \$8000.

ARREST OF Fox is credited with clearing up a service station robbery here last week in which a 60-year-old attendant was wounded with a blast from a shotgun.

Police were led to the 1830 Torrance Blvd. address by a traffic ticket found in the auto with Dewey Fox's body at First St. and The Strand in Manhattan Beach about 3:45 a.m. Monday.

CALLER IN by Manhattan police, Torrance Det. Lt. Don Hamilton and Det. Myles Hamilton (Continued on Page 4)



ADMITTS SLAYING . . . Nineteen-year-old Phillip Fox, held in the shotgun slaying of his uncle, Dewey Fox, admitted yesterday that he shot his uncle after a bitter argument over Phillip's girl friend. He scheduled to enter a plea on the murder charge Dec. 12. (Herald Photo)



GRUESOME FIND . . . Manhattan Beach police stand by as attendants remove body of Dewey Fox, 37-year-old Torrance man, who was killed Sunday night by a shotgun blast in the back. His nephew, Phillip Fox, 19, also of Torrance, is being held on a murder charge.

Supervisors Order New Look At Narcotics Law Proposals

On motion of Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, the Board of Supervisors Tuesday ordered a complete re-evaluation of the anti-narcotics legislative program to be sponsored by the County at the 1961 session of the State Legislature to secure the most effective, strongest laws possible.

County Counsel Harold W. Kenedy was instructed to confer on the problem with Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess, District Attorney William B. McKesson, and Probation Officer Karl Holton to strengthen the proposed new laws.

APPROVED of the motion calling for the study was given unanimously by the Board of Supervisors as Hahn reported on the results of an all-day legislative meeting on narcotics recently at the State Building, when Wayland L. Speer, assistant federal commissioner of narcotics, made a special trip to Washington, D.C. to outline the magnitude of the narcotics problem in California.

"California is the number two 'hot spot' of narcotics, second only to New York, and unless corrective action is taken

at the 1961 session of the State Legislature the problem will continue to grow," Hahn declared.

HE REPORTED that, with one exception, all members of the State Legislature attending the narcotics meeting had indicated that they would give strong support for the County's anti-narcotics legislative program.

Hahn stated that while he believes the original proposals for new narcotics laws would go a long way toward curbing the traffic in illegal drugs,

even stronger laws are needed for the program to reach maximum effectiveness.

HE ADDED that the cost of combatting narcotics—which is responsible for 50 per cent of crime in metropolitan areas either directly or indirectly—is a staggering burden on the taxpayers—in addition to the toll of pain and misery inflicted on those who become addicted.

"The public must be protected against the narcotics traffic and the crime it breeds. (Continued on Page 5)

Garrabrant Quits, Ellis Given Seat

Robert H. Ellis, 36-year-old aircraft firm process engineer, was named to the school board Tuesday night in a quickie election following the resignation of Walter A. Garrabrant. Nomination and approval of Ellis to fill the suddenly created vacancy came without discussion after Board President William Boswell read Garrabrant's letter of resignation.

For Schools

3-Year Tax on Ballot

Torrance voters will be asked to approve a 50-cent override tax for schools with a three-year time limit in an election on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 1961, the Torrance Board of Education decided Tuesday night.

At the same time, the board appointed a committee to advise it on financial problems. Named to the committee were Nelson Rucker, Union Carbide;

Robert Triplitt, Hughes; Leonard Ensminger, Torrance Memorial Hospital; Arne Tonnerson, National Supply; and James W. Cassidy, Carnation Co. The committee will meet with the board next Tuesday at 8 p.m. to discuss the problem.

Reason cited for calling the election, according to school officials, is that the district will be \$1 million short for next year's budget. Money is needed to keep up with the increasing number of students, including 1800 new youngsters next year, and the inflationary spiral, they said, while the amount of state aid remains the same.

Officials said that unless the district knows early next year if the money will be available, it will be unable to hire many good new teachers, whose salaries cost less than those of more experienced instructors.

If money is not made available, Superintendent J. H. Hull said, Torrance stands in danger of becoming a "second-rate" school system with overcrowded classes, where "individual instruction" would be difficult is not impossible, administrators said.

Decoration Judging Set

Torrance's second annual outdoor Christmas Display Contest will be conducted again this year under the supervision of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce with Dick Hatch as chairman, it was announced today by Bob Vroman, president.

All residents of the City of Torrance are eligible. Entry blanks are available at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce office, 1511 Cravens (Continued on Page 5)

GARRABRANT, appointed to the board in 1957, cited press of business and his health as reasons for leaving his post. His term was scheduled to expire next July, and Ellis must stand for election in April if he wishes to continue in the position.

In nominating Ellis, Board Member Clinton B. Cooke pointed out that Ellis had been "a strong contender in the last election, and has shown a continuing interest in our schools."

ELLIS POLLED 1324 votes in the 1458 school elections, losing a spot on the board to Cooke who received 1411. Boswell led the ticket with 1886 votes.

In his campaign in 1958, Ellis called repeatedly for more emphasis on academic phases of the school system.

ELLIS LIVES at 413 Via La Soledad, and has been active in several community organizations, including terms as chairman of the city's Civil Defense Commission; chairman of the City-to-City program; treasurer of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee, and a board member of the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners' Assn.

In addition to the seat now held by Ellis, other board positions up for election next April include those now held by Mrs. Grace Wright, only remaining member of the original board, and Joe Arnold. Terms for Boswell and Cooke run until June 30, 1963.

JERRY RAPP HONORED AS HERALD SALESMAN

It took Jerry Rapp only a month to move from a newly appointed HERALD carrier boy to the top as the "Carrier of the Month" for November, Circulation Manager Darrell Westcott reported yesterday.

Jerry, a student at Nativity School in Torrance, had been a carrier for the HERALD just one month when he received the nod as the outstanding salesman among the newsboys. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray R. Rapp, 21821 S. Normandie Ave., and won his honors by winning the circulation contest for November.

"He has a fine appearance and a good sales personality," Westcott said after announcing November's winner.

Jerry enjoys handling his HERALD route, and "enjoys the response his readers have to the HERALD," he added.

Jerry, who is 13, received a \$5 bonus for sales in the area south of Harbor General Hospital which he services.

Jerry's father, who is as proud of the achievement as his son, is a machinist at Harvey Aluminum.



ROBERT ELLIS Joins School Board

Realtors To Seat Officers

Some 300 holiday-minded Realtors and their guests are expected to attend inauguration ceremonies of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors tonight at the Plush Horse.

Delbert Vaughn will be installed as board president; and Irene Baker, Rose Craig, and Robert Trujillo will be installed as vice-president, secretary and treasurer, it was announced.

New board of director members to be installed will include Don Borden, Hallie Crow, Lee R. Dawson, Robert Hatchler, Henry Mahler, William McEwen, Kenneth Miller, Kenneth Peters and Delmar Wright.

Outgoing officers are Lee R. Dawson, president; Delbert Wright, vice-president; Irene Baker, secretary, and Don Huston, treasurer.

Women's division officers installed tonight will include Marie Whitacre, president; Kathleen Moeskops, vice-president; Georgia Marlow, secretary, and Rose Craig, treasurer.



JERRY RAPP Outstanding Salesman